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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1361/25 Domestic Energy Thefts

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3rd October 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your organisation's handling of energy theft.

- 1. How many domestic energy theft incidents were reported to your force in **2022, 2023, and 2024**? **Please provide separate figures for each individual year.** What was the estimated total monetary value of these thefts **in each year separately**?*
- 2. How many domestic energy theft cases resulted in arrests in **2022, in 2023, and in 2024**? **Please provide the number for each year individually.***
- 3. How many domestic energy theft cases resulted in prosecutions in **2022, in 2023, and in 2024**? **Please provide the number for each year individually.***
- 4. What was the estimated total amount of stolen energy (in kWh) across all domestic theft cases where this data was recorded? **Please provide separate totals for 2022, for 2023, and for 2024.***

Please note: For all questions, I require data separated by individual calendar year (2022, 2023, 2024), not combined or aggregated totals.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Question 1.

The number of energy theft incidents reported to Cumbria Constabulary.

Year	Volume
2022	18
2023	18
2024	16

Question 2.

Please note: the data below is based on custody records created in those years, they may not all be linked to the crimes above. They also only relate to the offence "abstract/use without authority electricity" and won't bring back arrests for crimes where the key word search for "gas" would be conducted.

The number of domestic energy theft cases that resulted in arrests.

Year	Arrests*
2022	7



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2023	1
2024	2

Question 3.

Please note: I cannot provide prosecution data as this is dealt with by the Crown Prosecution Service. Instead for question 3, the data included is for charges of this crime and is directly related to the crimes listed above.

The number of domestic energy theft cases that resulted in charges.

Year	Charges*
2022	1
2023	1
2024	2

Question 4.

The amount of energy stolen is not consistently recorded in Cumbria's current records. This means that providing a total would be inaccurate and misleading to the actual figure. Also, kWh is not documented when referring to this offence.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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